

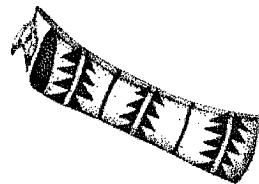
EXHIBIT 5



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Hon. Debra Anne Haaland
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Re: HVT v. Reclamation

We are in receipt of DOJ attorney Scott Thomas' e-mail, dated December 13, 2022, about Hoopa's intention, noticed in its December 9, 2022, letter to Secretary Haaland and restated in a December 12 video conference with government attorneys in the Interior and Justice Departments, to seek a temporary restraining order against implementation of the Trinity River winter flow variability (WFV) project.

In the December 13 DOJ e-mail, the government offers to provide "at least three (3) business days written notice before doing so." That offer does not remove the ongoing threat of imminent irreparable harm to Hoopa. Nor does it respond to Hoopa's claim in the pending case of Hoopa Valley Tribe v. Reclamation that an action such as the WFV project requires the Secretary to seek and obtain Hoopa's concurrence pursuant to Hoopa's delegated sovereignty in Central Valley Project Improvement Act section 3406(b)(23).

In response to the DOJ email, Hoopa requests that the Secretary of the Interior confirms in writing to Hoopa that Hoopa's right of concurrence is valid and binding on the Secretary of the Interior, that the Secretary will direct her officers and agents to seek Hoopa's concurrence in the WFV project, and if Hoopa does not concur, the WFV project shall not be implemented. If Hoopa does not receive this requested communication by 5:00 PM (Eastern) on Thursday, December 15, 2022, Hoopa will proceed to file its request for TRO and Preliminary Injunction in the Court no later than Friday, December 16, 2022 and will request the Court to set a hearing and rule on it as soon as possible next week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of "Joe Davis" in black ink.

Joe Davis, Chairman
Hoopa Valley Tribe